GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL URBAN TRANSPORT POLICY
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring new National Urban Transport Policy;

(b) if so, the proposed features of the new policy;

(c) whether the State Governments also were/are being consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the suggestions given by them; and

(e) the time by which the new policy is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 416 FOR 12.5.2006 REGARDING NATIONAL URBAN TRANSPORT POLICY.

(a)&(b): A National Urban Transport Policy has been approved by the Government in April, 2006. It, inter alia, seeks to promote integrated land use and transport planning, greater use of public transport and non-motorized modes of travel as well as use of cleaner technologies. It offers Central Government`s financial support for investments in public transport, infrastructure for greater use of non-motorized modes, construction of parking facilities, including demonstrative pilot projects. It encourages capacity building, innovative financing mechanisms, institutional coordination, association of the private sector and need for public awareness and cooperation.

(c)&(d): The draft Policy was circulated to all the State Governments and also presented at a conference of Chief Ministers held on 29th June, 2005. While there was overwhelming support for the policy at this conference, some significant suggestions made were:-

(i) Reduction of the minimum population threshold for Central Government`s financial support towards mass transit systems.

(ii) Review of the Motor Vehicles Act taking into account the specific requirements of city transport.

(iii) Accommodating the specific requirements of cities in hill States.

(iv) Creating awareness through educational programmes on the problems of Urban Transport at the school level.

(v) Encouraging all possible modes of transport, including waterways and ropeways.

(e): Implementation of such a policy is an ongoing process to be undertaken by the State Governments as this is a State subject.